

A41C

CORSETS; BRASSIERES

Special rules of classification

Please note that for classification of additional functions or features Indexing Codes under [A41B 2300/00](#) - [A41B 2500/00](#) for underwear should be used.

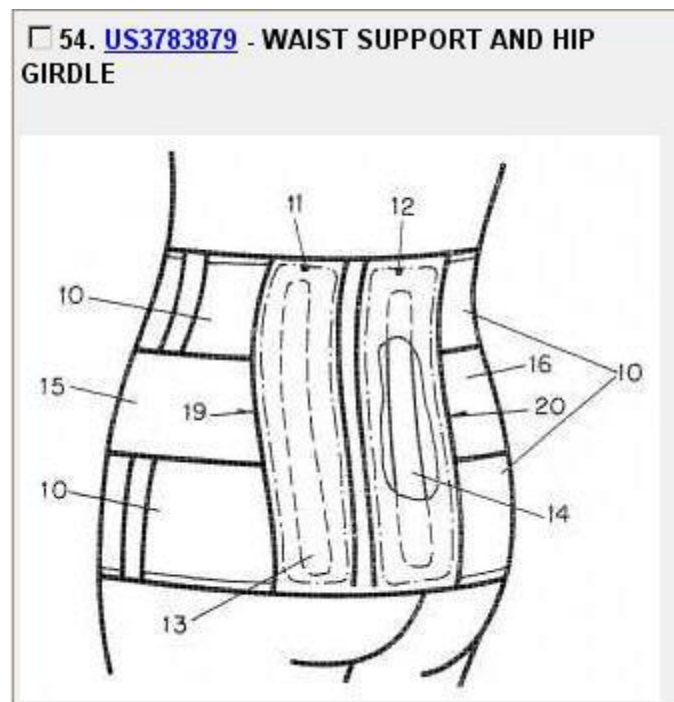
Machines, appliances or methods for making a particular article of apparel should be classified in the relevant group for the machine, appliance or method concerned in [A41H](#) and also as additional information with the symbol of the particular article of apparel concerned in [A41B](#) - [A41F](#).

A41C 1/00

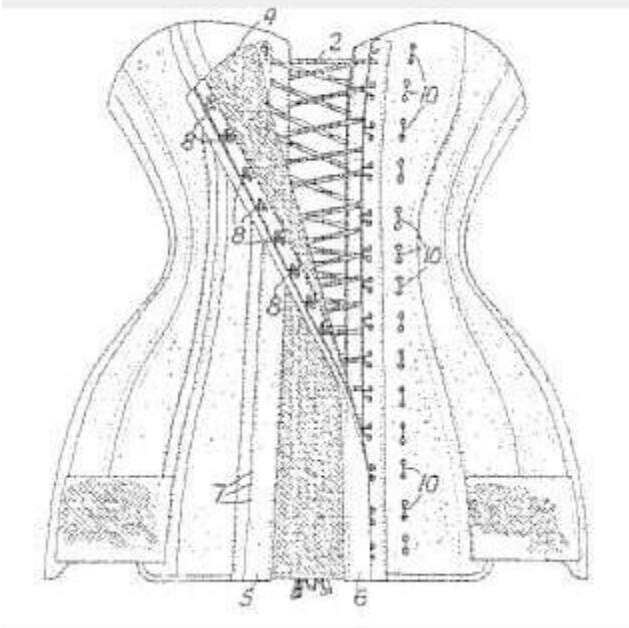
Corsets or girdles (corsets fasteners [A41F 1/04](#); orthopaedic corsets [A61F 5/02](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:



□ 182. [GB116014](#) - Improvements in Corsets.



Special rules of classification

When girdle is used to shape body, class in [A41C 1/00](#) and lower groups.

When girdle is used to support trouser or skirt, class in [A41F 9/00](#) and lower groups.

If girdle is further used to support stocking or socks, classify also as additional information in [A41F 11/00](#).

Glossary of terms

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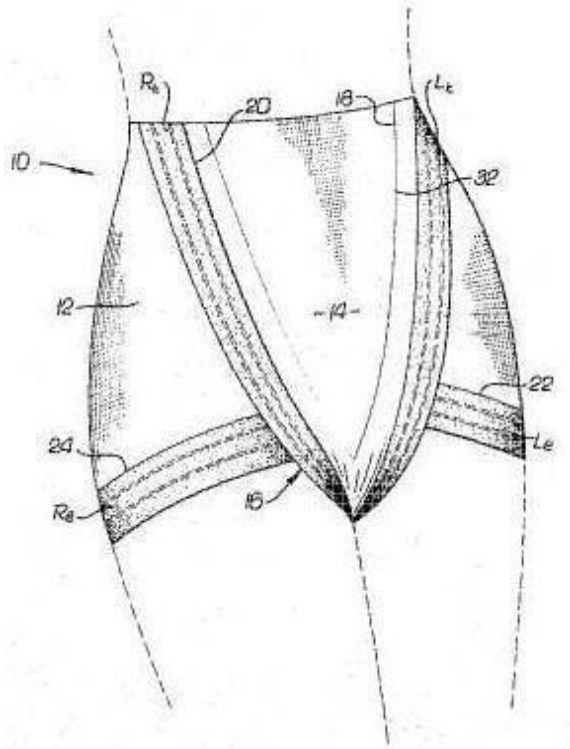
Corset:	A closely-fitting inner bodice stiffened with whalebone or the like, and fastened by lacing; worn chiefly by women to give shape and support to the figure.
Girdle:	A corset, usually elasticated, that does not extend above the waist.

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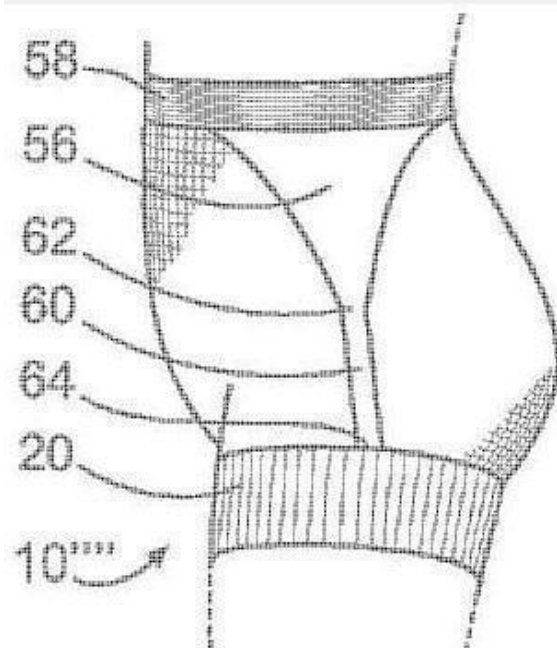
{Panty-girdles}

Definition statement

This place covers:



☐ 9. [WO2007087545](#) - (A2 A3) BODY-SHAPING APPAREL

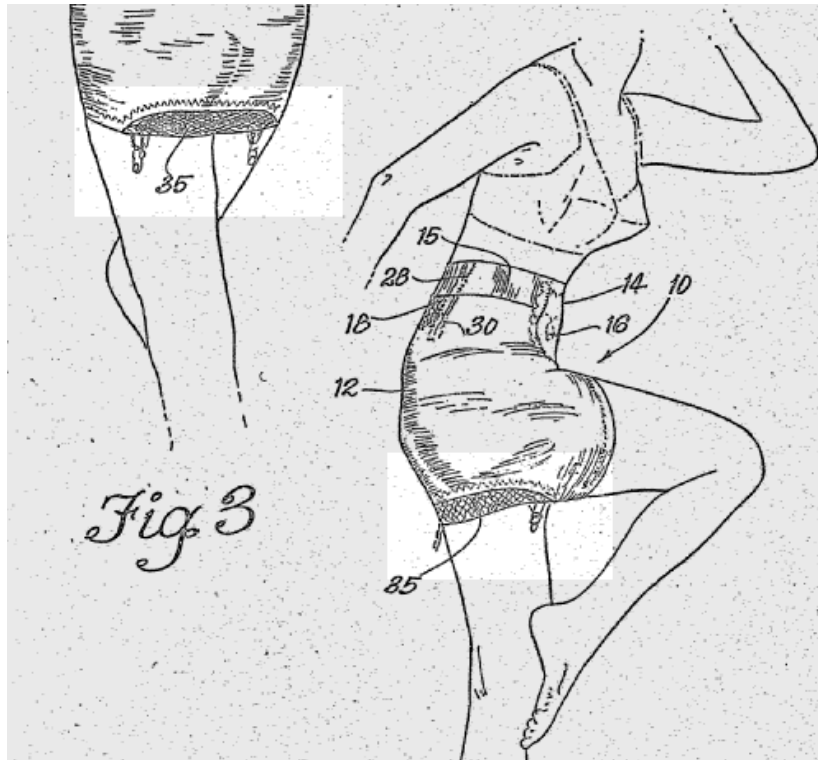


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{Corsets or girdles provided with means preventing the riding-up of the garment}

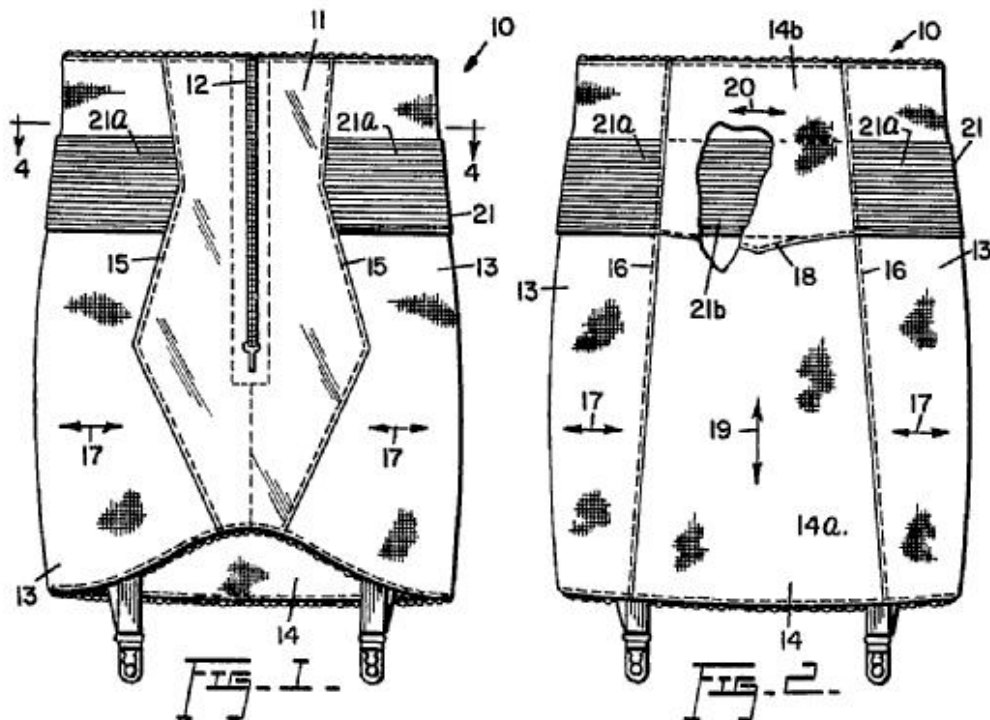
Definition statement

This place covers:



A41C 1/02**Elastic corsets****Definition statement**

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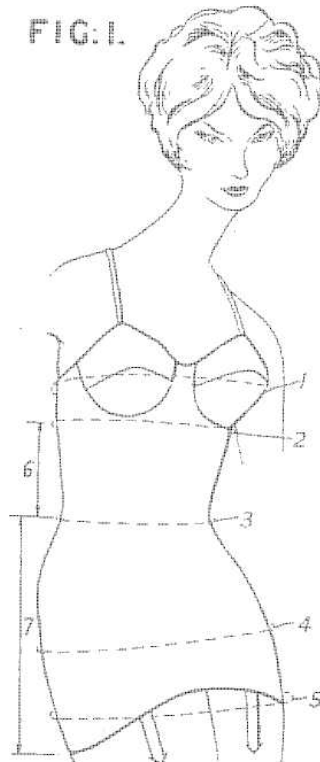


A41C 1/06

with brassieres

Definition statement

This place covers:



A41C 1/08**Abdominal supports****Definition statement**

This place covers:

□ 38. [US5752873](#) - Abdominal support and slimming garment

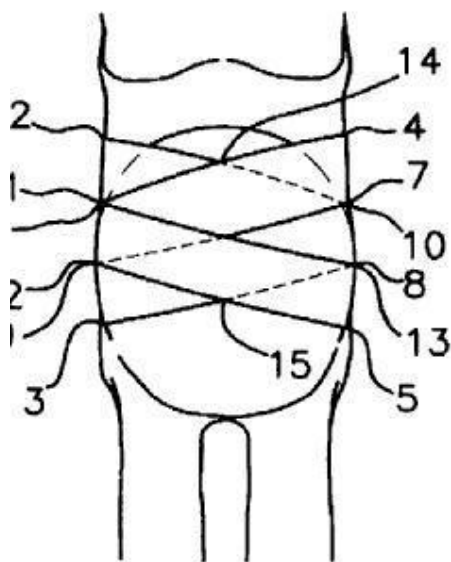
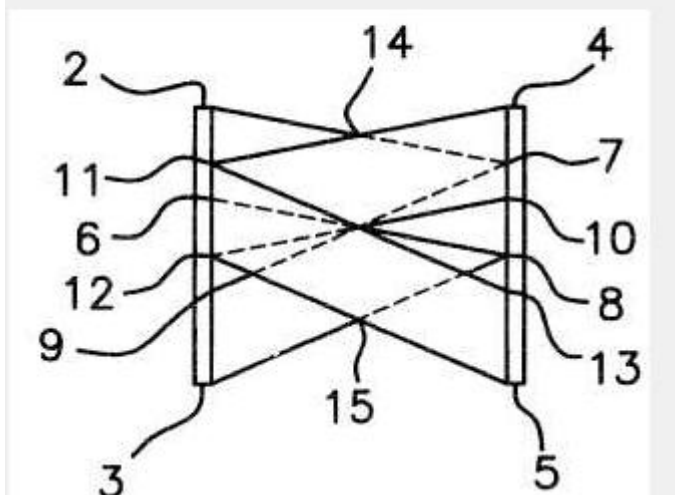


FIG. 3

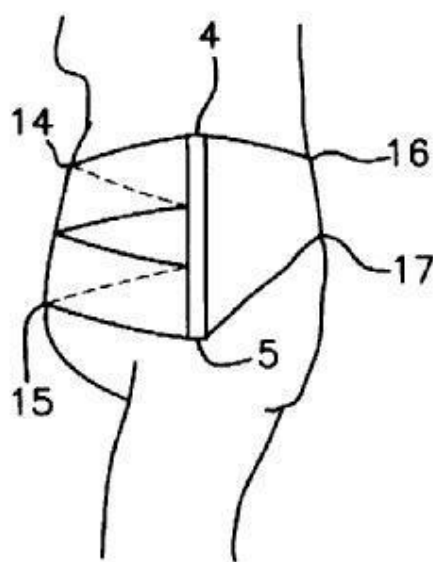


FIG. 4

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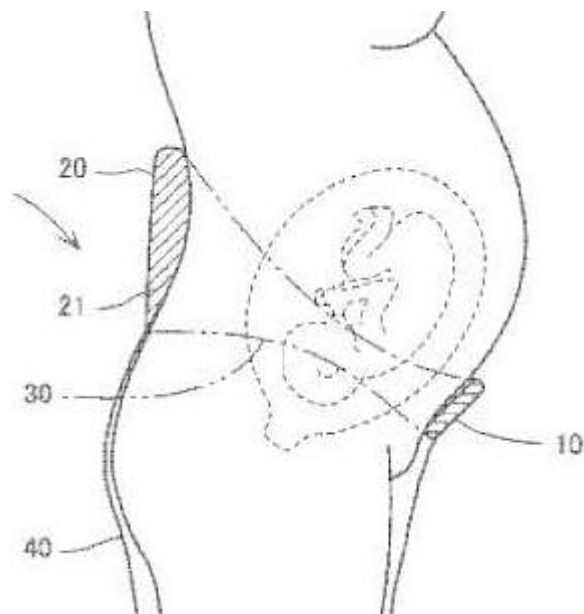
Orthopaedic corsets	A61F 5/02
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A41C 1/10

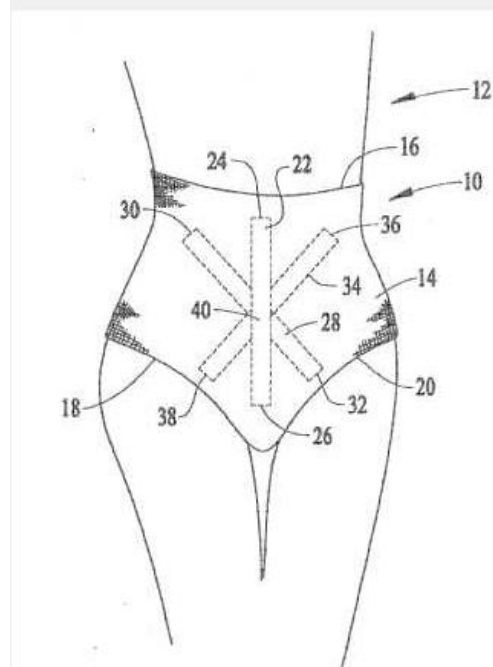
Maternity corsets

Definition statement

This place covers:



□ 32. [WO9841117](#) - POST-PREGNANCY COMPRESSION GARMENT



References

Informative references

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Maternity clothing	A41D 1/20
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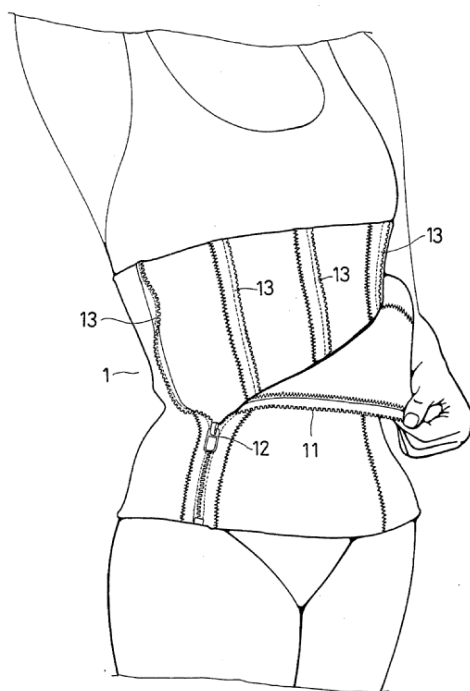
Orthopaedic corsets

[A61F 5/02](#)**Special rules of classification**

Comprises also post-pregnancy supports.

A41C 1/12**Component parts****Definition statement**

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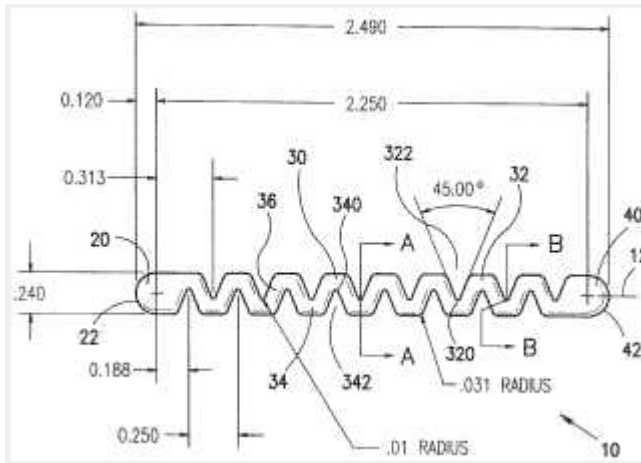
**FIG. 1**

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Stays; Steels

Definition statement

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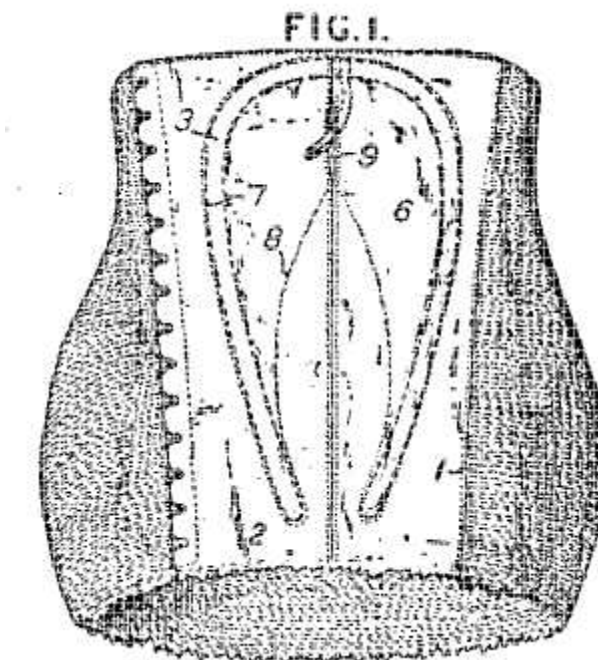


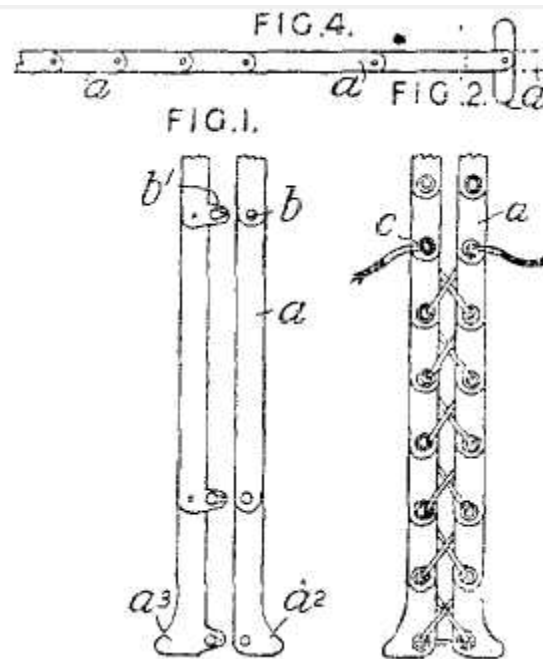
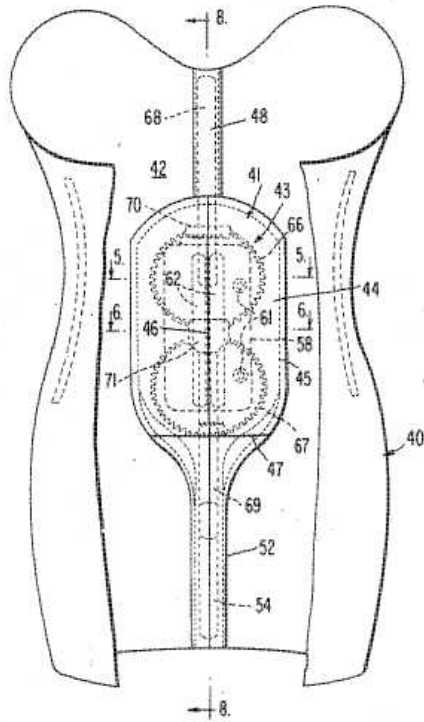
A41C 1/16

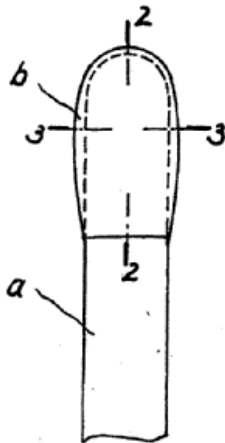
made of wire

Definition statement

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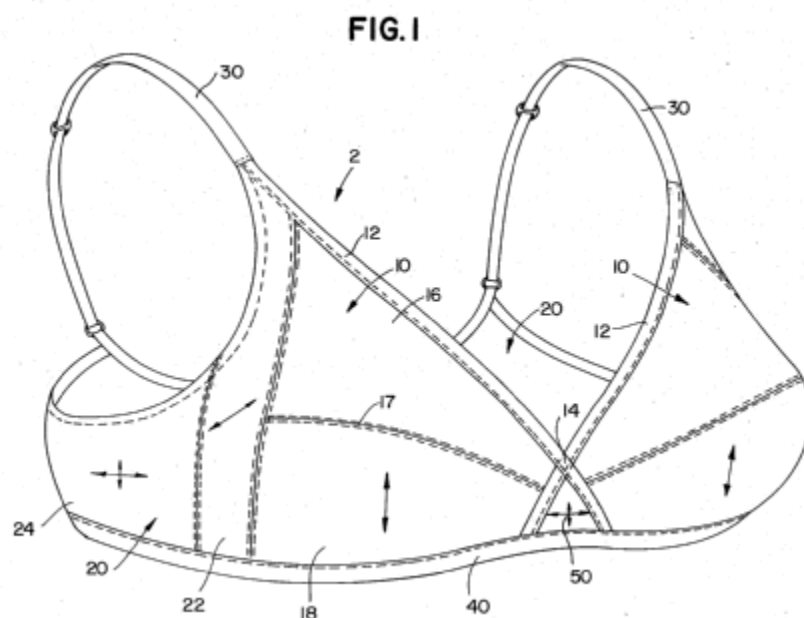


A41C 1/18**of built-up type****Definition statement***This place covers:*

A41C 1/20**with protective caps****Definition statement***This place covers:***Fig. 1****Fig. 2****Fig. 3**

A41C 3/00**Brassieres****Definition statement**

This place covers:

**Special rules of classification**

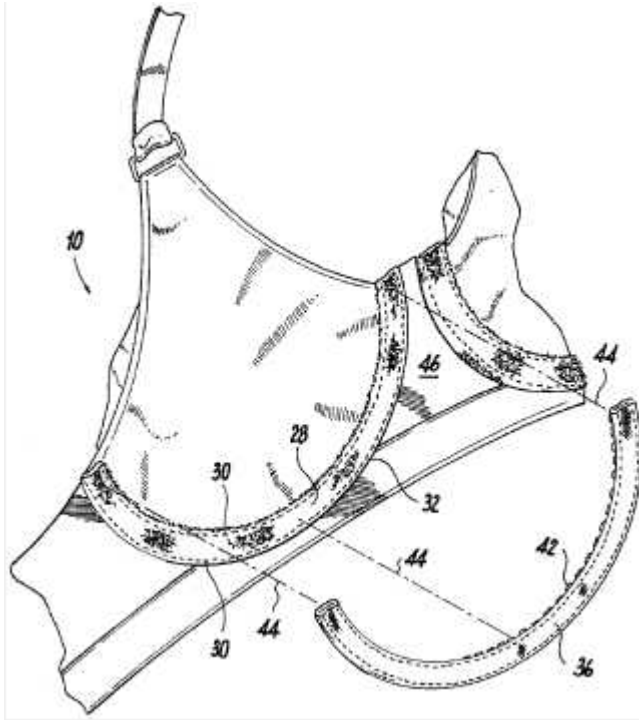
For cleavage covers class in [A41D 1/22](#)

A41C 3/0007

{with stay means ([A41C 3/06](#) takes precedence; stay means per se [A41C 3/122](#))}

Definition statement

This place covers:

**Special rules of classification**

For brassieres with stay means, where the brassiere is also relevant, class in [A41C 3/0007](#).

For stay means per se, which are wires and perimetric supports only around the linear contour of cup, class in [A41C 3/122](#) and lower groups.

For stiffening or bust-forming inserts per se, which are supports covering the volumetric contour of the cup class in [A41C 3/14](#) and lower groups.

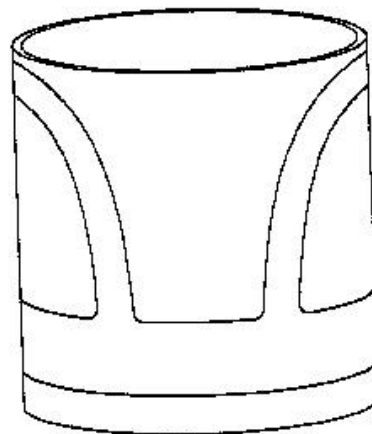
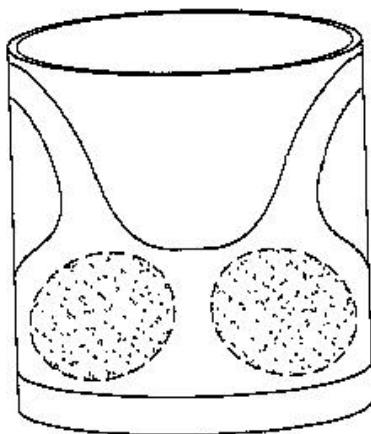
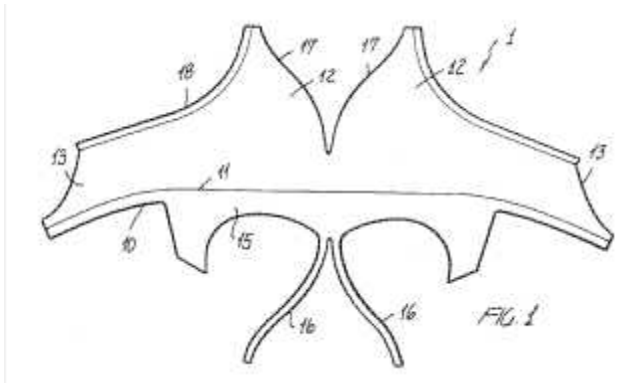
For brassieres with stiffening or bust-forming inserts, where the brassiere is also relevant, class in [A41C 3/10](#).

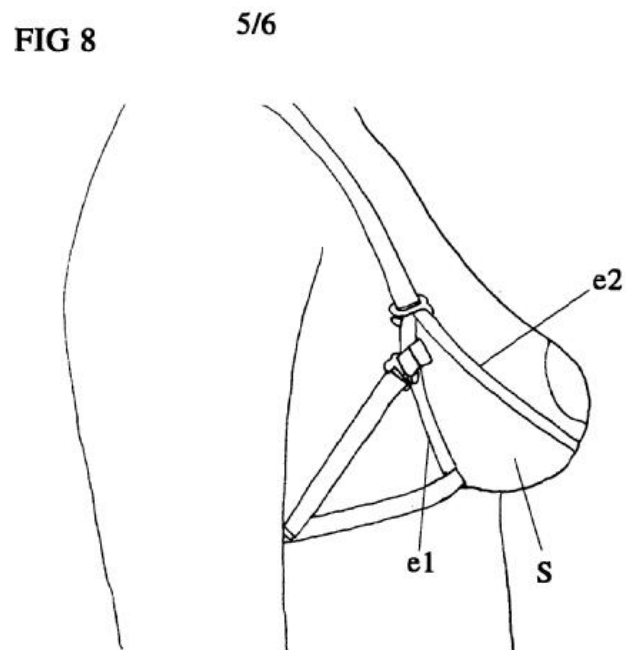
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{made from one piece with one or several layers}

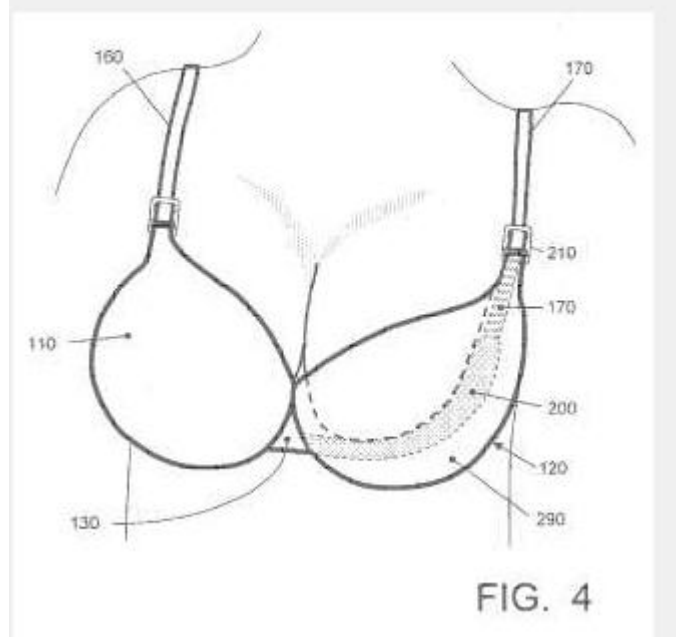
Definition statement

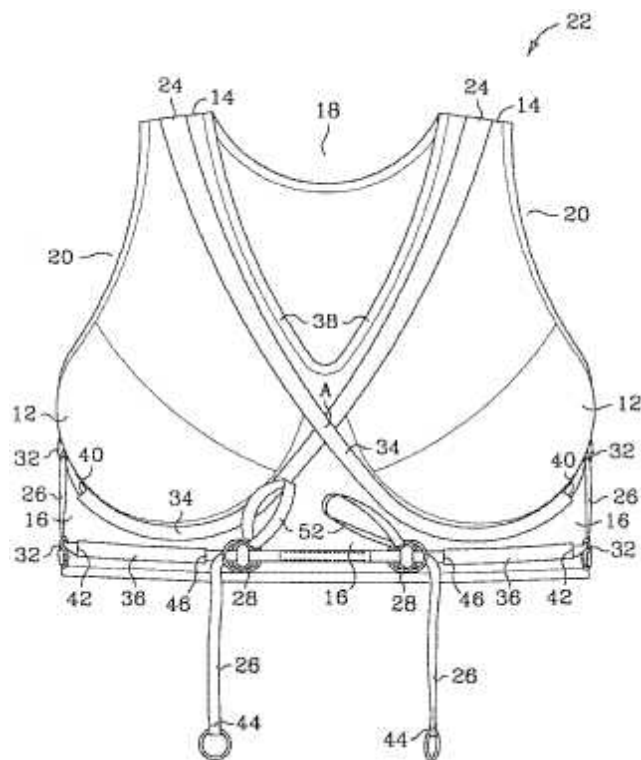
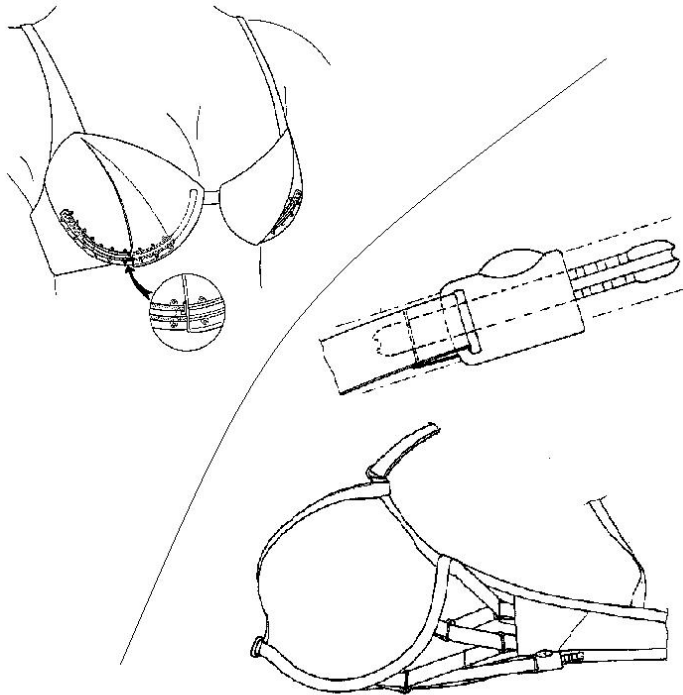
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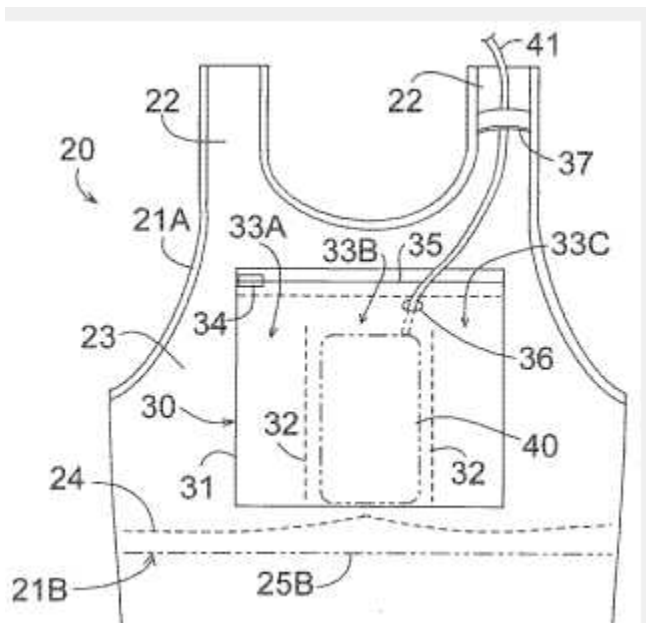


A41C 3/0021**{with suspension construction for the breasts}****Definition statement***This place covers:*

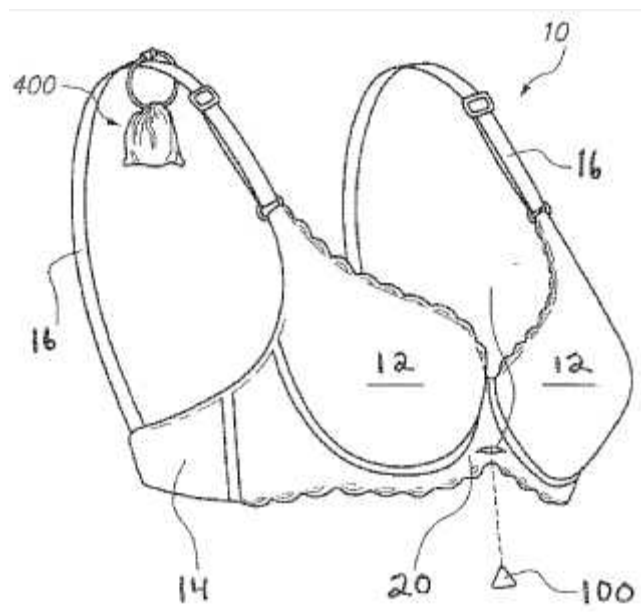
□ 24. [WO2010062164](#) - BRASSIERE WITH IMPROVED BREAST-LIFTING SYSTEM



A41C 3/0028**{with size and configuration adjustment means}****Definition statement***This place covers:*

A41C 3/0035**{with pockets}****Definition statement***This place covers:***References****Informative references***Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Medicine delivery patches	A61K 9/7023
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A41C 3/0042**{diffusing perfume or the like}****Definition statement***This place covers:***References****Informative references***Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

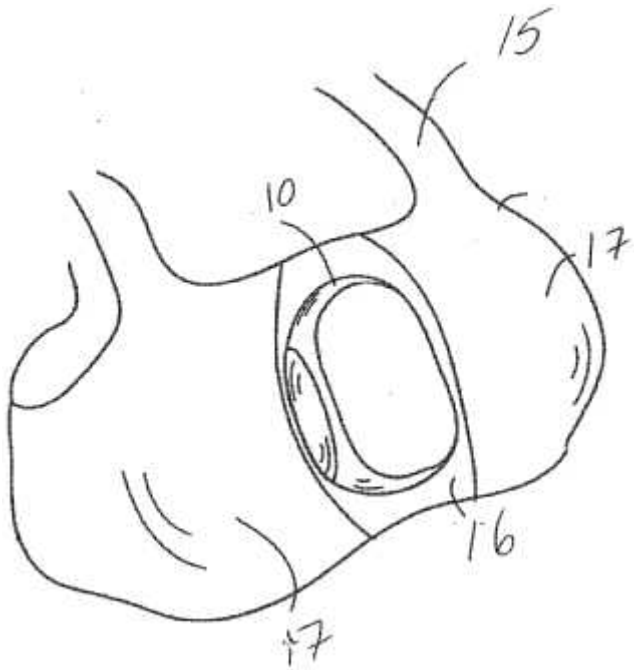
Containers for holding perfume	A45D 34/00
Holders for air deodorants	A61L 9/12
Body deodorants	A61Q 15/00
Perfumes encapsulated in a carrier	C11D 3/505
Perfumes released by thermal or chemical activation	C11D 3/507
Textiles containing perfume or deodorants	D06M 13/005

A41C 3/005

{specially adapted for specific purposes (prosthetic brassieres [A41C 3/148](#))}

Definition statement

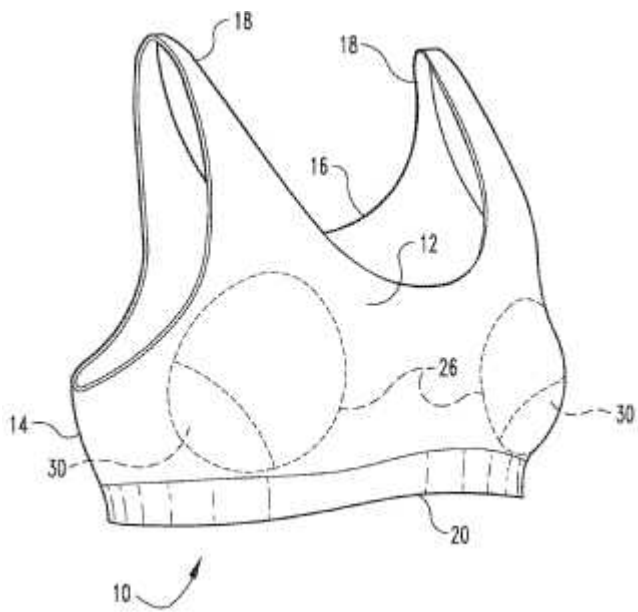
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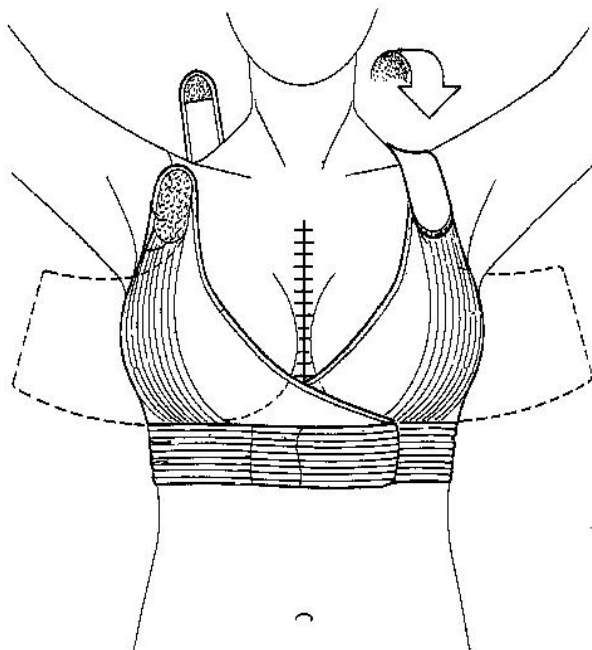
**A41C 3/0057**

{for sport activities}

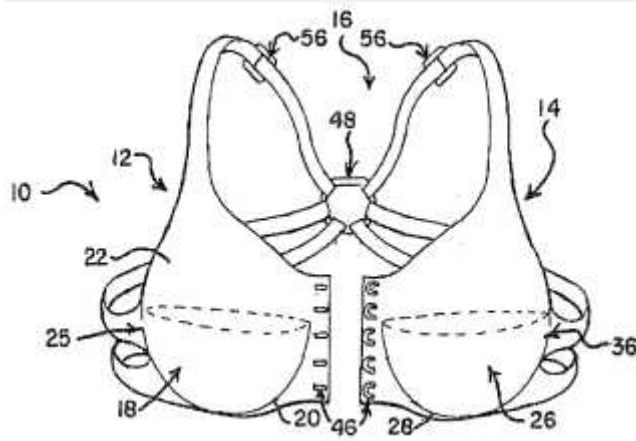
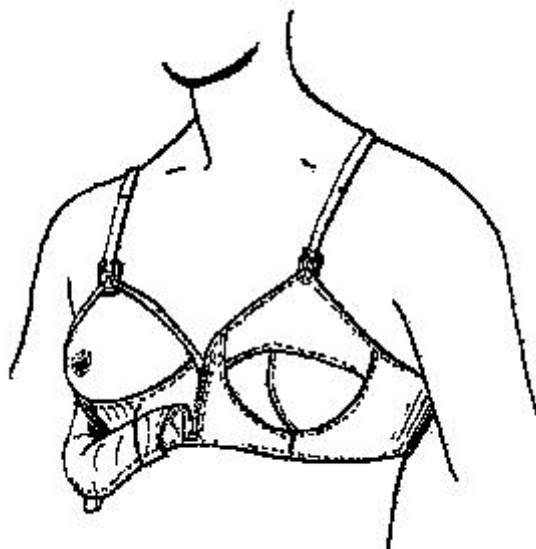
Definition statement

This place covers:



A41C 3/0064**{for medical use or surgery}****Definition statement***This place covers:***References*****Informative references****Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Prosthetic brassieres	A41C 3/148
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A41C 3/02**with front closures****Definition statement***This place covers:***Special rules of classification**For back fasteners of brassieres class in [A41F 1/006](#)**A41C 3/04****for nursing mothers {(nursing clothing in general [A41D 1/205](#))}****Definition statement***This place covers:*

References

Informative references

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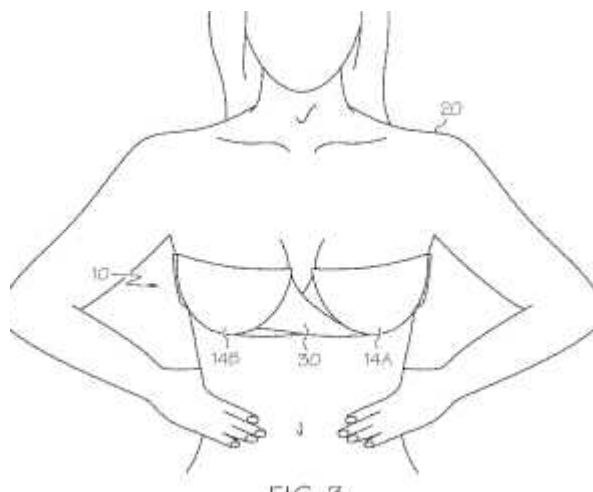
Absorbent pads for breast / torso	A61F 13/14
Breast-nipple shields	A61J 13/00
Milking pumps	A61M 1/06
Suction cups for milking pumps	A61M2001/066
Supports of milk pumps on body	A61M 2209/088

A41C 3/06

Strapless brassieres, {i.e. without shoulder straps}

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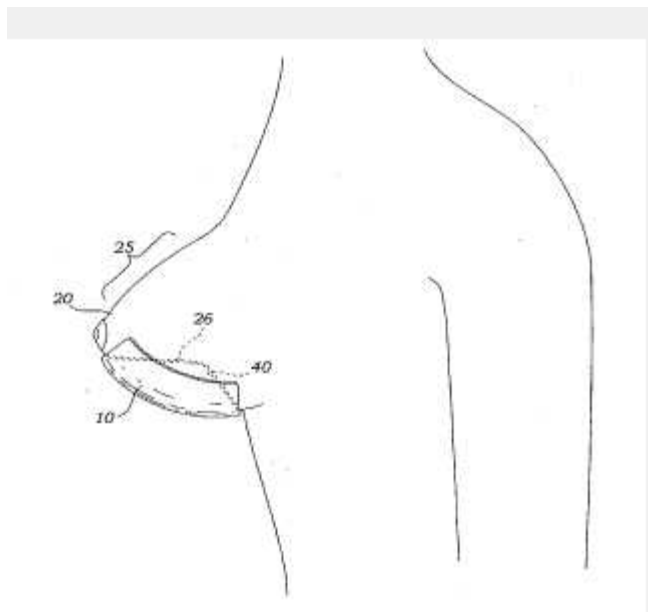


A41C 3/065

{attached directly to the body, e.g. by means of adhesive}

Definition statement

This place covers:

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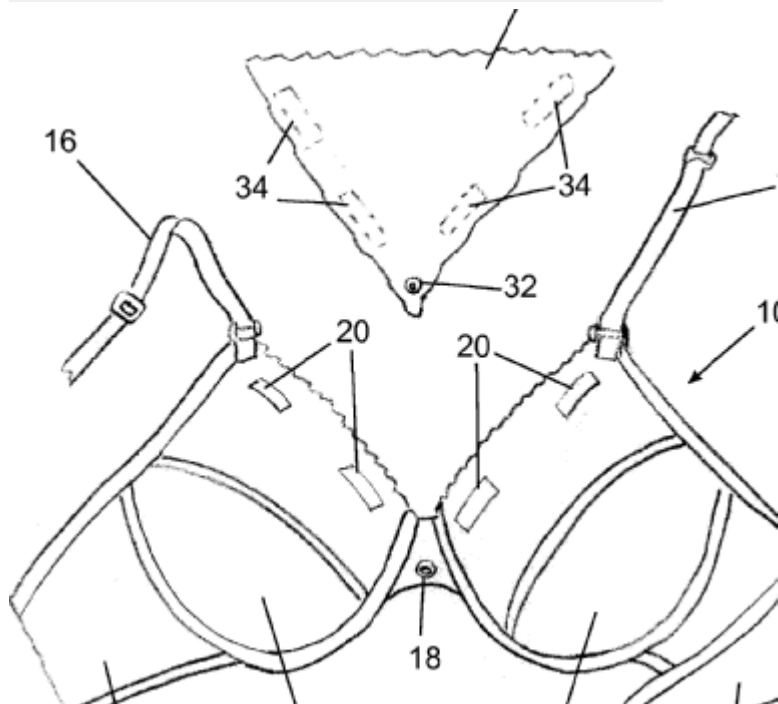
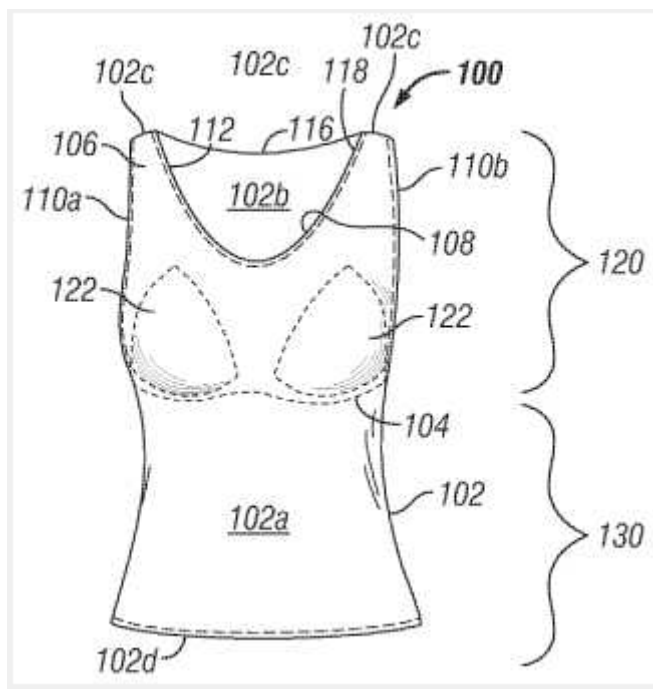
Plasters for reconstructing body shape	A61F 2013/00382
Adhesive plasters	A61F 13/02
Bandages adapted to breast	A61F 13/14

A41C 3/08

combined with other garments (with corsets [A41C 1/06](#))

Definition statement

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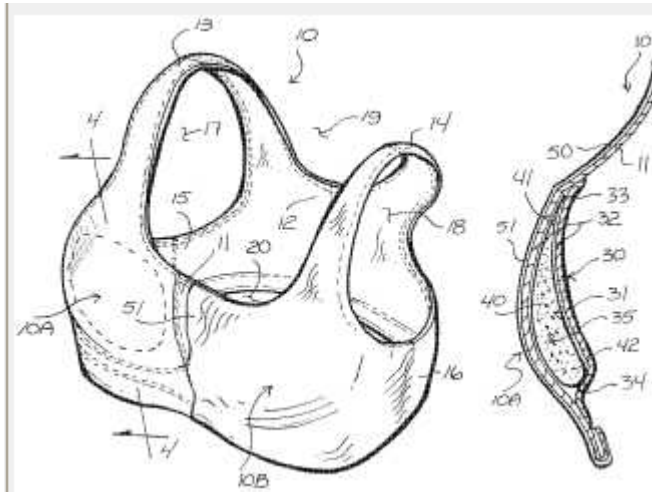
**References****Informative references**

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Vests with features specially meant for women

A41D 1/18

Cleavage covers

[A41D 1/22](#)**A41C 3/10**with stiffening or bust-forming inserts (inserts per se [A41C 3/14](#))**Definition statement***This place covers:***Special rules of classification**

For brassieres with stiffening or bust-forming inserts, where the brassiere is also relevant, class in [A41C 3/10](#).

For stiffening or bust-forming inserts per se, which are supports covering the volumetric contour of the cup class in [A41C 3/14](#) and lower groups.

For stay means per se, which are wires and perimetric supports only around the linear contour of cup, class in [A41C 3/122](#) and lower groups.

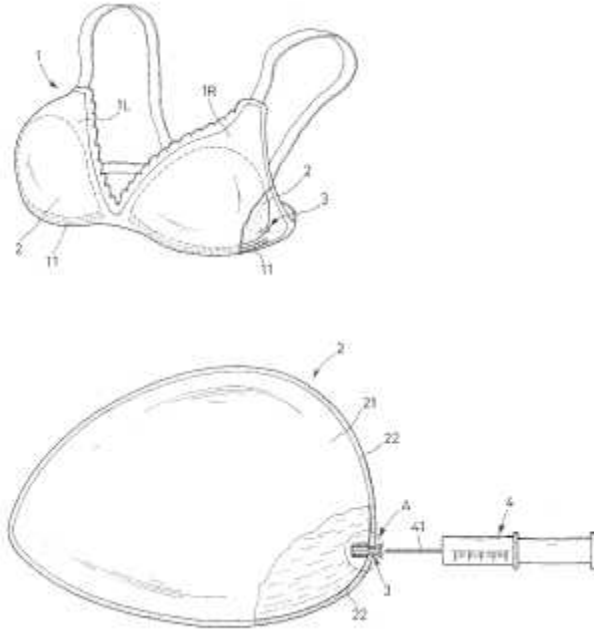
For brassieres with stay means, where the brassiere is also relevant, class in [A41C 3/0007](#).

A41C 3/105

{with inflatable inserts}

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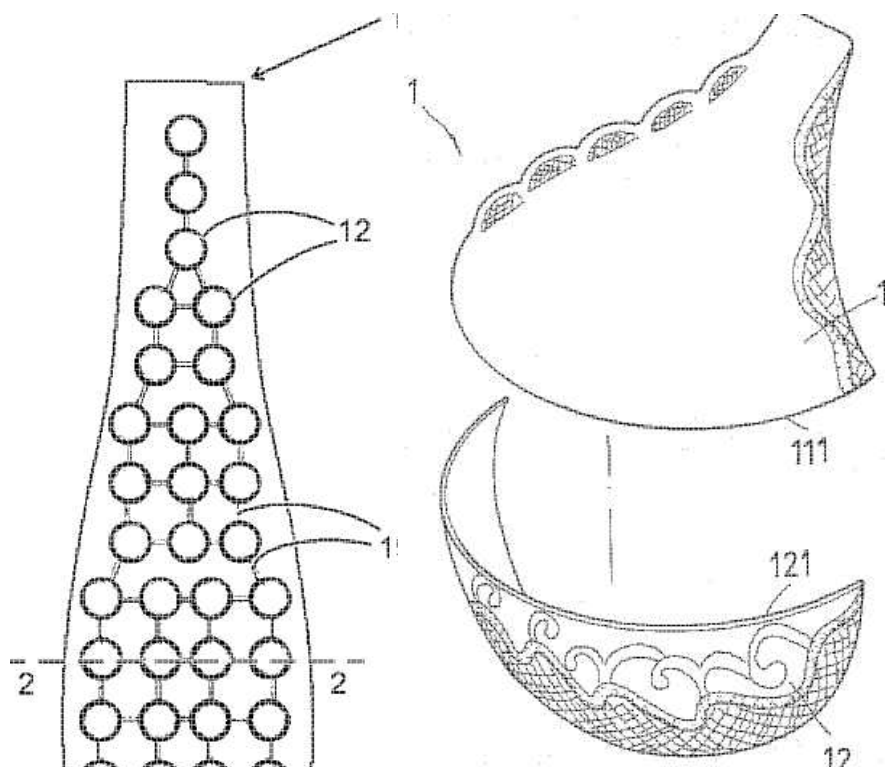


A41C 3/12

component parts

Definition statement

This place covers:



References

Informative references

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Undergarments with integral shoulder straps	A41B 9/16
Brassiere back fasteners	A41F 1/006
Brassiere shoulder straps	A41F 15/00
Hook/eye fasteners	A44B 13/00

Special rules of classification

For stay means per se, which are wires and perimetric supports only around the linear contour of cup, class in [A41C 3/122](#) and lower groups.

For stiffening or bust-forming inserts per se, which are supports covering the volumetric contour of the cup class in [A41C 3/14](#) and lower groups.

For brassieres with stay means, where the brassiere is also relevant, class in [A41C 3/0007](#).

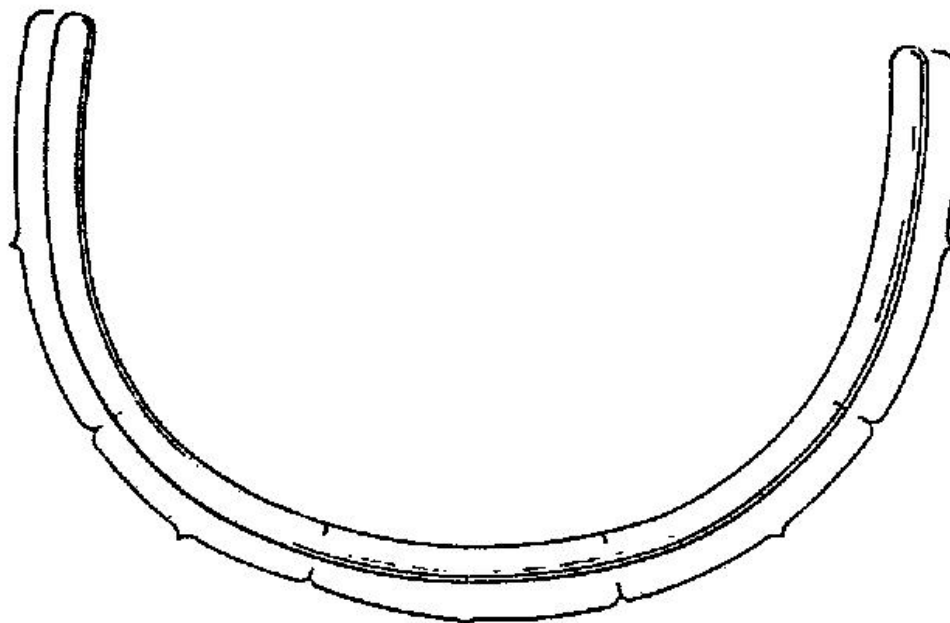
For brassieres with stiffening or bust-forming inserts, where the brassiere is also relevant, class in [A41C 3/10](#).

A41C 3/122

{Stay means (stay means for corsets [A41C 1/14](#))}

Definition statement

This place covers:



References

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Wires	A41C 3/14
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Special rules of classification

For stay means per se, which are wires and perimetric supports only around the linear contour of cup, class in [A41C 3/122](#) and lower groups.

For stiffening or bust-forming inserts per se, which are supports covering the volumetric contour of the cup class in [A41C 3/14](#) and lower groups.

For brassieres with stay means, where the brassiere is also relevant, class in [A41C 3/0007](#).

For brassieres with stiffening or bust-forming inserts, where the brassiere is also relevant, class in [A41C 3/10](#).

Glossary of terms

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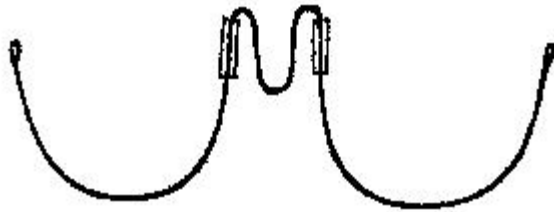
Stay means:	Wires and perimetric supports only around the linear contour of cup.
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{with an articulated or bridge construction}

Definition statement

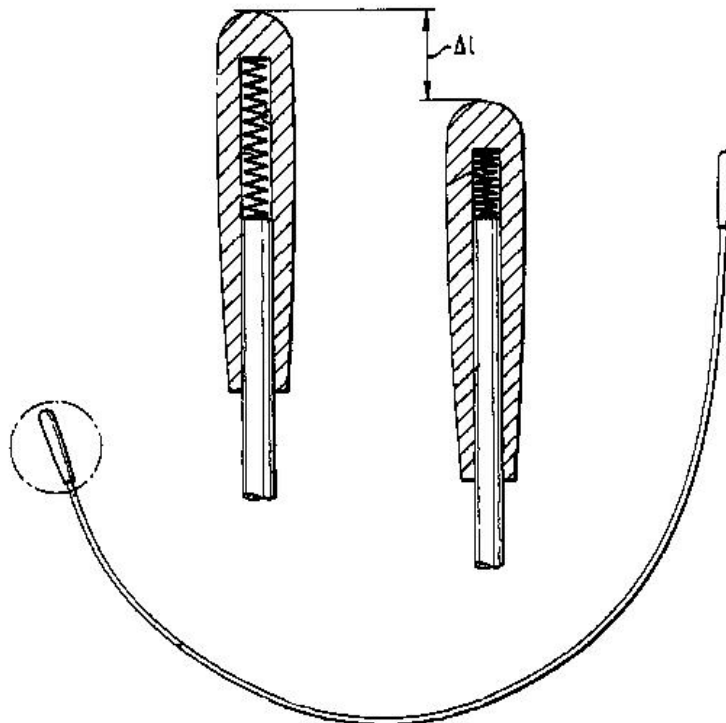
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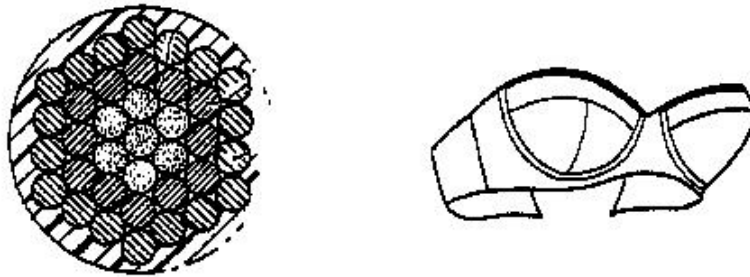
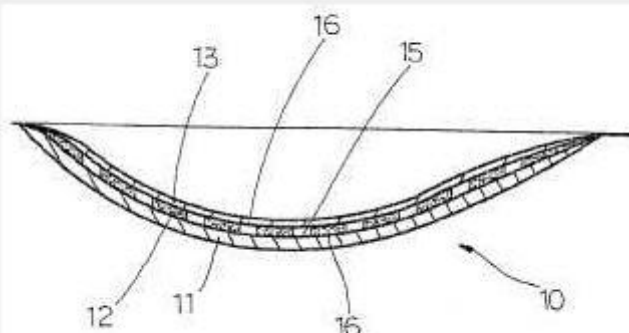
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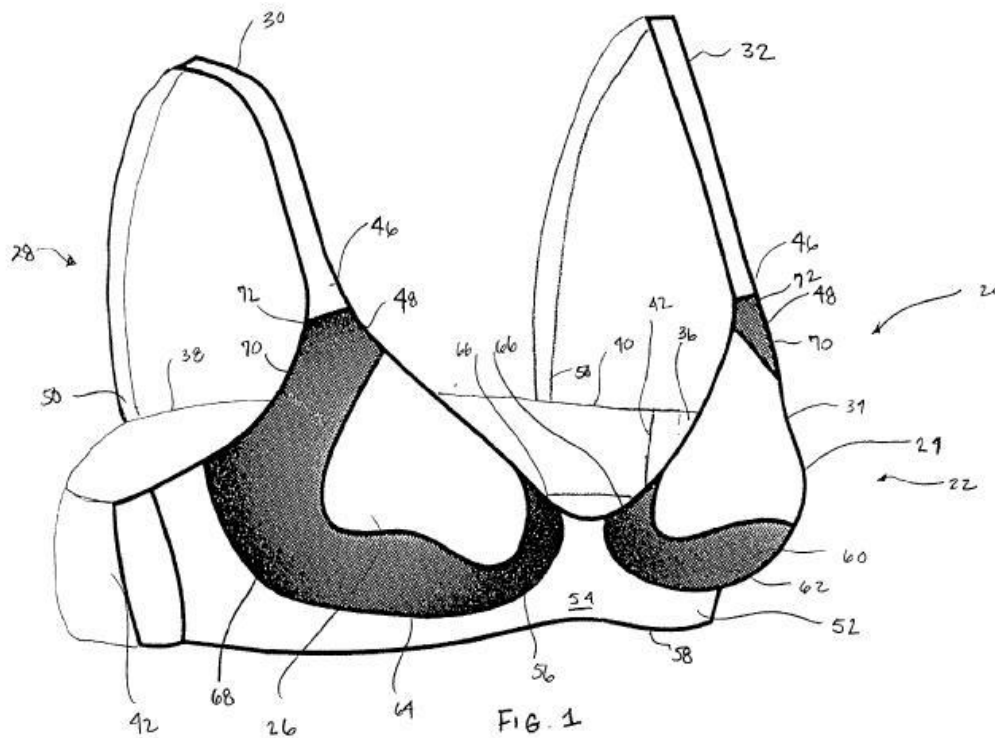
{with additional means provided at the ends, e.g. for protection}

Definition statement

This place covers:



A41C 3/128**{using specific materials}****Definition statement***This place covers:***A41C 3/14****Stiffening or bust-forming inserts****Definition statement***This place covers:*
☐ 30. [GB2396796](#) - Heat dissipating brassiere cup
**FIG. 7**



Special rules of classification

For stiffening or bust-forming inserts per se, which are supports covering the volumetric contour of the cup class in [A41C 3/14](#) and lower groups.

For cup liners, cup surface reinforcement, cups with a layered structure where all of the volumetric contour of the cup is covered and for supports covering a continuous surface over most of the volumetric contour of the cup, class in [A41C 3/14](#).

For stay means per se, which are wires and perimetric supports only around the linear contour of cup, class in [A41C 3/122](#) and lower groups.

For brassieres with stiffening or bust-forming inserts, where the brassiere is also relevant, class in [A41C 3/10](#).

For brassieres with stay means, where the brassiere is also relevant, class in [A41C 3/0007](#).

For stiffening inserts, which are supports covering discrete parts of the volumetric contour of the cup, class in [A41C 3/142](#).

For pads, which are soft cushion-like supports or layers of material used as stuffing for filling out or expanding the bust shape, class in [A41C 3/144](#) and lower groups.

Glossary of terms

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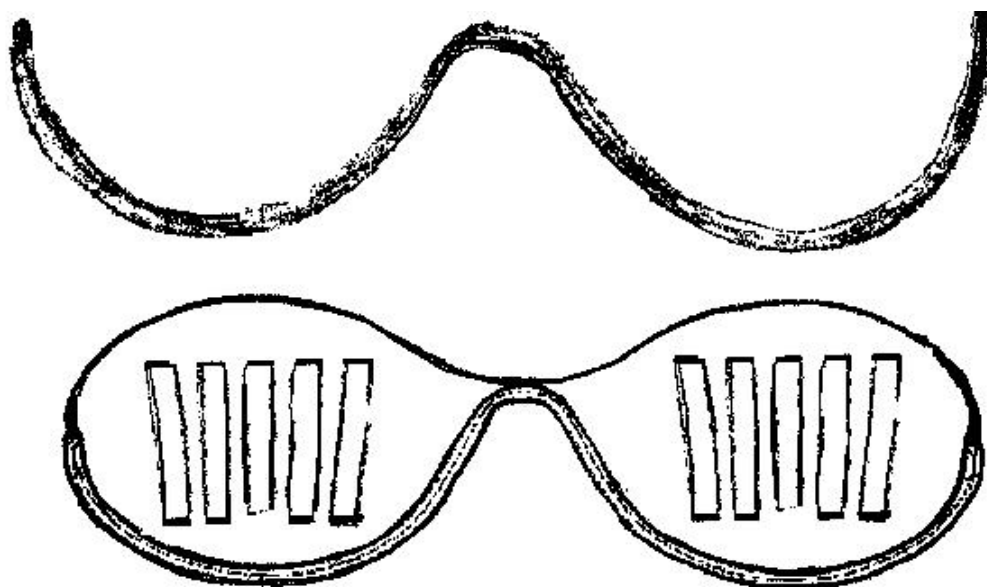
Stiffening or bust-forming inserts:	Supports covering the volumetric contour of the cup.
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A41C 3/142

{Stiffening inserts}

Definition statement

This place covers:



Special rules of classification

For stiffening inserts, which are supports covering discrete parts of the volumetric contour of the cup, class in [A41C 3/142](#).

For pads, which are soft cushion-like supports or layers of material used as stuffing for filling out or expanding the bust shape, class in [A41C 3/144](#) and lower groups.

For cup liners, cup surface reinforcement, cups with a layered structure where all of the volumetric contour of the cup is covered and for supports covering a continuous surface over most of the volumetric contour of the cup, class in [A41C 3/14](#).

Glossary of terms

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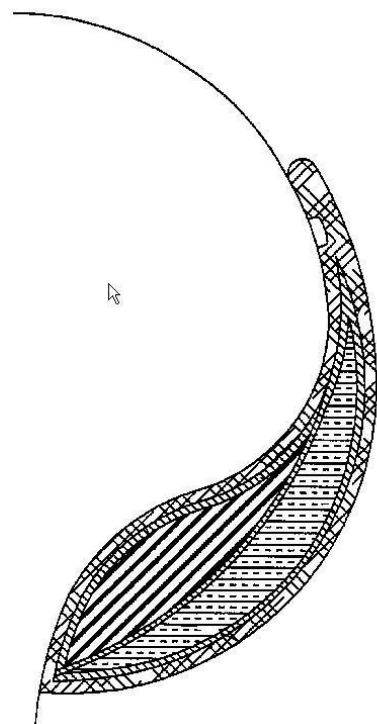
Stiffening inserts:	Supports covering discrete parts of the volumetric contour of the cup.
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A41C 3/144

{Pads}

Definition statement

This place covers:



Special rules of classification

Comprises pads meant for the cup only.

For pads, which are soft cushion-like supports or layers of material used as stuffing for filling out or expanding the bust shape, class in [A41C 3/144](#) and lower groups.

For stiffening inserts, which are supports covering discrete parts of the volumetric contour of the cup, class in [A41C 3/142](#).

For cup liners, cup surface reinforcement, cups with a layered structure where all of the volumetric contour of the cup is covered and for supports covering a continuous surface over most of the volumetric contour of the cup, class in [A41C 3/14](#).

Glossary of terms

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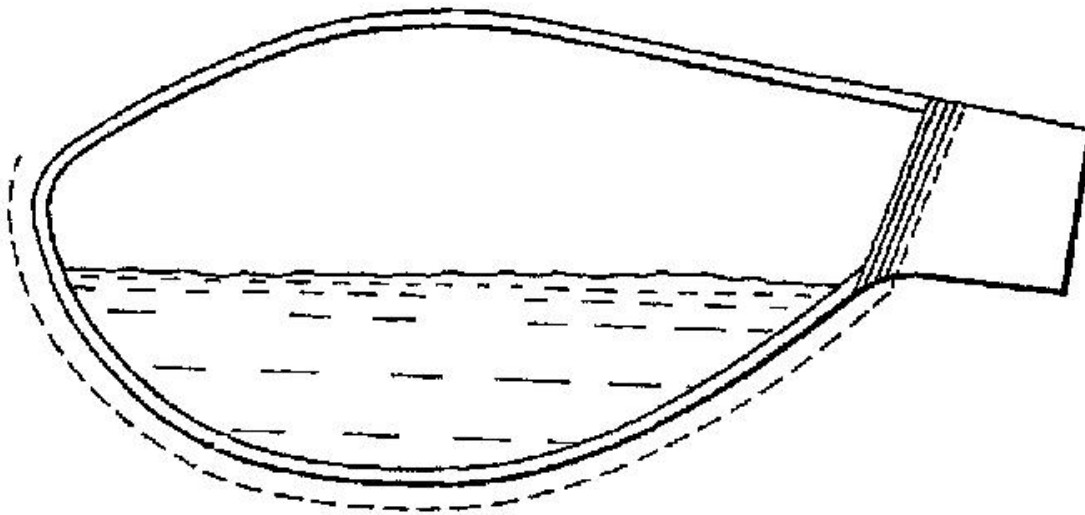
Pad	Soft cushion-like support or layers of material used as stuffing for filling out or expanding the bust shape.
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{containing liquid or gel filling}

Definition statement

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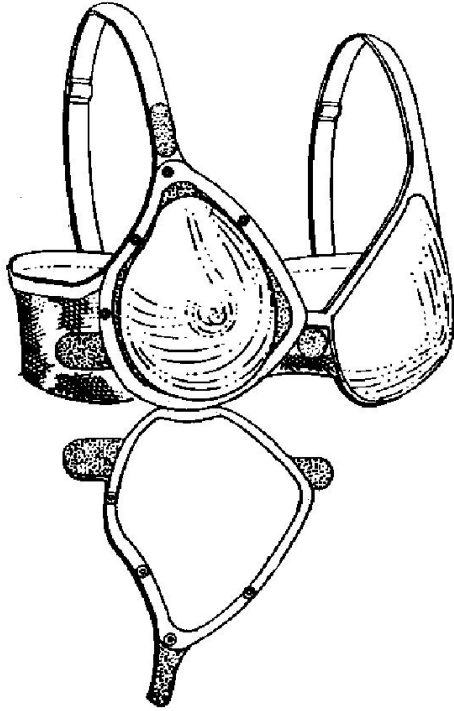


A41C 3/148

{Prosthetic brassieres (non-implantable mammary prostheses [A61F 2/52](#))}

Definition statement

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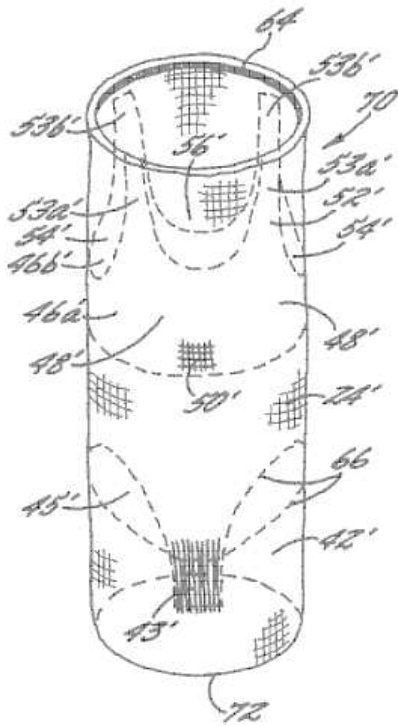


A41C 5/00

Machines, appliances, or methods for manufacturing corsets or brassieres

Definition statement

This place covers:

**A41C 5/005**

{by moulding (shaping of textile material made from plastics fibres by thermoforming [B29C 51/004](#))}

Definition statement

This place covers:

